

November 25, 1939.

Mr. James Semler,
N. Y. Black Yankees Baseball Club, Inc.,
2289 - 7th Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have just received notice The Negro American League is meeting in Chicago on December 9th & 10th, 1939. Mr. Posey has written me that Chairman Thos. Wilson and himself are planning to attend, and requesting me to be present also.

I anticipate that at this Meeting the important question of a Commissioner for Negro Baseball will be discussed. I, personally, feel that this office is of such great importance, that all Members of both Leagues should have an opportunity to study any candidates at length.

I am, therefore, at this time submitting the name of the man I would like to see elected to that office. I have talked with him and feel sure he will accept the office if it is the desire of all Members. I feel that we would be extremely fortunate to secure the services of such a person, his intelligence and experience should qualify him to serve the office well. His prestige and position should add a great deal to building of organized Negro Baseball.

I could write a long letter, telling of things which I feel qualify this particular person, but there would be a chance you might feel my thoughts were personal, instead set yourself up as a committee of one to inquire about the Gentleman, I am sure you will feel as I do, that we would be extremely fortunate to secure his services.

I, at this time, present to you the name of the Gentleman I would like to see elected to the office of Commissioner of Negro Baseball, Ex-Federal Judge William Hastie, present Dean of Law of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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